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1. E/C MINISTER CALLED ON EVAN LUARD, MP, PARLIAMENTARY UNDER-SECRETARY AT FOREIGN OFFICE ON JULY 22 TO DISCUSS U.S. PROPOSAL ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS. HE PROVIDED LUARD WITH TALKING POINTS PAPER BASED ON PARA 2 REFTEL (A), STRESSED USG UNWILLINGNESS TO MODIFY BASIC NATURE OF ITS INITIATIVE, AND EXPLAINED WHY USG CONSIDERS STUDY APPROACH AS SUGGESTED BY FRG UNACCEPTABLE. HE ALSO REMARKED ON SIMILARITIES BETWEEN STATEMENT ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS IN PARLIAMENT BY JOEL BARNETT, CHIEF SECRETARY TO HM TREASURY (REPORTED REFTEL B) AND THE POINTS RAISED IN OUR INSTRUCTIONS.
2. LUARD RESPONDED THAT UK SHARES IN OUR CONCERN OVER ILLICIT PAYMENTS AND U.S. CAN BE ASSURED OF UK SUPPORT FOR RESOLUTION. HOWEVER, DOUBT REMAINS OVER CO-SPONSORSHIP. IT IS UK VIEW THAT TO BE SUCCESSFUL RESOLUTION NEEDS SUPPORT OF SOME DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. LUARD STATED UK SPONSORSHIP OR THAT OF OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WOULD DO LITTLE TO STRENGTHEN SUPPORT FOR RESOLUTION WITHOUT BACKING OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. HE RECONFIRMED IMPRESSION LEFT FROM EARLIER MEETINGS WITH FCO OFFICIALS THAT UK MIGHT CO-SPONSOR IF CERTAIN IMPORTANT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ARE ON BOARD. IN CONCLUSION, LUARD ADDED THAT IF UK'S EC PARTNERS WERE TO SUPPORT UNANIMOUSLY THE STUDY APPROACH URGED BY FRG, UK WOULD OF COURSE HAVE TO RECONSIDER ITS POSITION.

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